

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8, containing lines 5–14, with the following amended paragraph:

When preparing the ink receiving layer composition, the hollow particulate to binder ratio can be adjusted to promote desired properties. Appropriate ratios within this range can provide coatings that avoid unwanted cracking upon drying, and at the same time, provide hollow particulate to hollow particulate adhesion within the coating while maintaining voids within and around the hollow particulates. In one embodiment, the hollow particulate to binder ratio can be from 95:5 to 50:50 by weight. The ink receiving layer, which can include the hollow particulates and the binder material, can be applied to the substrate 12 at a coating weight from 5 g/m² to 40 g/m². In a more detailed aspect, the coating weight can be from 10 g/m² to 20 g/m².